12th October 1928]

The repair estimate for closing the breach of supply channel and improvements to outlet were sanctioned in June and July 1928 and the works will be executed after the rainy season is over. The ryots could easily have closed the hole and the breach which, at first, was small.

2. Damerla tank referred to is Dammara cheruvu, No. 11 in Raocheruvu group of Upper Sagileru minor basin.

APPENDIX III.

[*Vide* answer to question No. 543 asked by Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 12th October 1928, page 463 supra.]

Letter from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works and Labour Department, dated the 5th October 1928, No. 985/27-C-4.

[Expansion of irrigation under the Muniyeru Project.]

The question of the availability of supply to the proposed reservoir is being examined. In this connexion a statement of discharges showing the supply available at the head of the Muniyeru main channel from 1923—27 was prepared in this office and sent to the Superintending Engineer, on 18th September 1928 for verification and report.

2. From my inspection of the site when I was Superintending Engineer, Bezwada Circle, I found that the soil available for the construction of the bund was black cotton mostly in layers of 1 foot to 3 feet thick over white morum. Black cotton is not suitable for the hearting of a bund 35 to 40 feet high in places. I do not think there is any likelihood of the proposed reservoir being built owing to the absence of good soil in the neighbourhood.

APPENDIX IV.

[*Vide* answer to question No. 589 asked by Mr. A. B. Shetty at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 12th October 1928, page 498 supra.]

Proceedings of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras, No. 349 Rt., dated the 21st September 1928.

The following information is furnished :—

Clause (a) of the question.—Yes, a new condition was inserted in the Forest Village System Panchayat agreements executed in 1927–28 requiring the Panchayats to clear and fire-trace the exterior lines of reserves concerned at their own cost.

Clause (b) of the question.—As a result of the introduction of this condition five of the old panchayats declined to renew their agreements. But three of them accepted the condition and renewed their agreements.